## De Anza Pride Association (DAPA)

Agenda

- 1. Introductions
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# Introductions:

- Your name and pronouns
- Role(s) at De Anza

History of this Work



### An Incomplete Timeline of LGBTQ+ Organizing at FHDA

#### 2000s/2010s -Students Advocate for Women & LGBTQ+ Space

LGBTQ+ students, led by leaders
Anita and Rachel, as well as
students from Marc Coronado's
Women's Studies courses
advocate for a Women
Gender and Sexuality
Center at De Anza

#### 2015 – Queer and Now Conference

The first Queer and Now Coference is held at De Anza college, led by Veronica Keiffer-Lewis (the conference is still going strong and in it's 11<sup>th</sup> year)

The Jean Miller Resource Room and WGSC efforts are led by Julie Keiffer-Lewis, Natasha Joplin, Chesa Caparas and Roseanne Giannini Quinn

#### 1980s/90s – GAYLEAF Forms

In the 1980s/90s LGBTQ+
employees at FHDA, led by Scott
Lankford, organized to start
GAYLEAF, the Gay and Lesbian
Employees and Friends
Group, to advocate for
LGBTQ+ rights across the
district & in 1993 FHDA
become the first
community college in the
county to offer Benefits to
Domestic Partners

### 2010 – Pivotal Moment in LGBTQ+ Organizing at De Anza

Rowena Tomaneng and
Veronica Keiffer-Lewis called
in the campus to be more
mindfully inclusive of
LGBTQ+ students and
campus programming

2015-16 – Intro to LGBTQ+ Studies & Jean Miller Resource Room

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#### 2019-20 – Women, Gender, and Sexuality Center

The Jean Miller Resource Room is renamed the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Center (WGSC) and a campus-wide Steering Committee takes up the work of organizing LGBTQ+ events and programming at De Anza with efforts led by Melissa Aguilar, Thomas Ray, Kim Palmore, Brian Malone, Shaila Ramos-Garcia, Willow Byers, Maritza Arreola, Alicia Mullens, and many allies like Adriana

### Fall 2022 – Pride Center Opens

Garcia and Hyon-Chu Yi Baker

In 2022, De Anza opens a brand new, fully staffed, Pride Center on campus providing services, resources, and programing for LGBTQ+ students



#### 2015-16 – Intro to LGBTQ+ Studies & Jean Miller Resource Room

Julie Keiffer-Lewis writes the curriculum for the first Intro to LGBTQ+ Studies Course which is offered in the 2015-16 school year & in 2016 the Jean Miller Resource Room for Women, Gender, and Sexuality is established within the Office of Equity

In 2016, the Queer Intervention Task Force was created and led by student Maximus Grisso

#### Spring 2022 – LGBTQ+ Affinity Group

LGBTQ+ staff and faculty begin to organize to become an official Affinity Group on Campus (currently in progress)

#### 2023-24 – Pride Learning Community

In the 2023-24 academic year, De Anza launched a Pride Learning Community to provide wrap-around supports in a cohort model for first year LGBTQ+ students



Throughout these 4 decades, there have always been LGBTQ+ student groups/and clubs, professional Task Forces, and LGBTQ+ employee committees organizing for our rights and progress within the Foothill De Anza District.

We now have a Pride Center and a Pride Learning Community, and finally, we are here working toward an official governance Affinity Group.

## Bylaws & Members

Roseanne Giannini Quinn Chesa Caparas Julie Keiffer-Lewis Veronica Keiffer-Lewis Thomas Ray Melissa Aguilar Kim Palmore Brian Malone Shaila Ramos-Garcia Maritza Arreola Alicia Mullens Willow Byars

Hyon-Chu Yi Baker Huy Le Jamie Pelusi Caitlin Kepple Sheldon Fields Pablo Hernandez Lopez Becket di Gregorio Susana Ramirez Gracy Galvan Vernon Gallegos Mariah Panley Lauren Gordon Ashley Kipple

Next Steps Ouestions

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